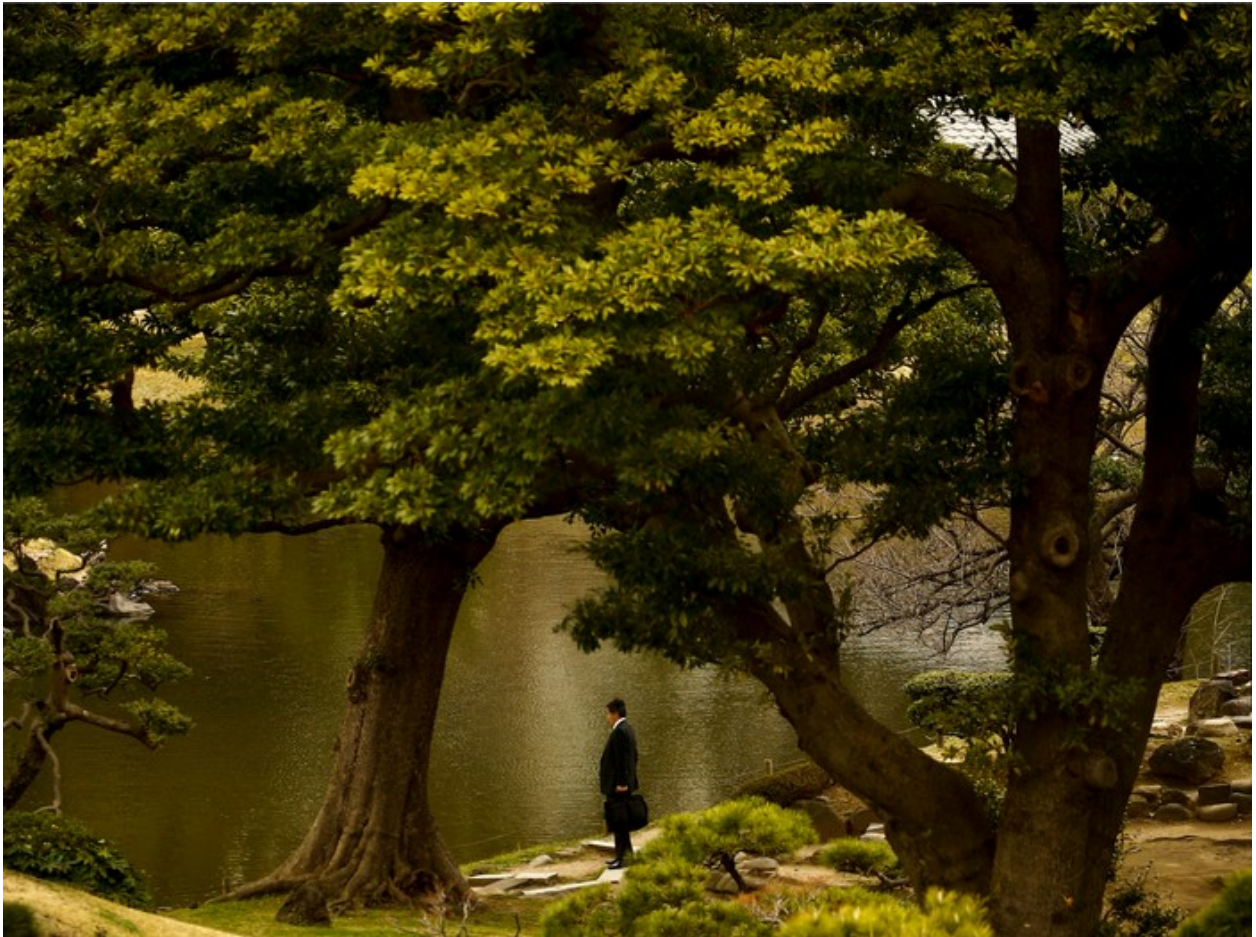


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A sunny March day in Tokyo.
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AFGHANISTAN: Sharbat Gula, the green-eyed "Afghan Girl" whose 1985 photo in National Geographic became a symbol of her country's wars, arrives to meet President Ashraf Ghani in Kabul.



ALGERIA: Girls hug each other beside their school in a refugee camp in southern Algeria.



ANDORRA: A pack of riders cycle during the Tour de France from Vielha Val d'Aran, Spain to Andorre Arcalis, Andorra.



ANGOLA: People walking past a pile of garbage soaked in rain in Luanda.



ANTIGUA: A child walking out of a sporting event that Prince Harry attended during his official visit in St. Johns.



ARGENTINA: Antoine Meo rides his motorcycle ahead of Juan Pedrero Garcia during the ninth stage of Dakar Rally 2016, leaving others in the dust.



ARMENIA: Two members of the Armenian Church wait for Pope Francis to arrive for mass.



AUSTRALIA: Irish backpacker Genna Woods adjusts her small Christmas tree she planted in the sand as she celebrates Christmas Day at Sydney's Bondi Beach.



AUSTRIA: Members of the Wiener Staatsballett (state ballet) perform during the opening ceremony of the Opera Ball in Vienna.



AZERBAIJAN: People are lying in bathtubs filled with crude oil, believing it can heal more than seventy diseases, including neurological diseases, skin conditions, and impotence.



The US Department of Health and Human Services doesn't recommend it.

BAHRAIN: DHL's Twisters & Extra 300 perform during the second day of the Bahrain Air Show in Sakhir.



BAHAMAS: A couple videochats on their smartphone on the beach in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.



BANGLADESH: A boy playing with sand as his mother works in a nearby restaurant.



BARBADOS: A horse taking a bath in Garrison Savannah in the Caribbean Sea.



BELARUS: A wolf looks into the camera in the 19 mile exclusion zone around the Chernobyl nuclear reactor.



BELGIUM: A man rides a horse along a beach in the seaside town of Zeebrugge



BELIZE: Palm trees buckle under the pressure from Hurricane Earl.



BENIN: Devotees perform at the annual voodoo festival in Ouidah.



BHUTAN: The Buddha Dordenma statue overlooking the town of Thimphu.



BOLIVIA: An Aymara indigenous woman practices climbing on the steep, glacial slopes of the Huayna Potosi mountain.



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: Bida Smajlovic, who lost her family in the Srebrenica massacre, prays near the memorial plaque before watching the Trial in Hague Tribunal.



BRAZIL: Women in Brazil are using masking tape to get the perfect tan lines.



At Erika Bronze Spa in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, owner Erika Romero Martins uses masking tape to mold tiny, thin bikinis directly onto clients' bodies.

BULGARIA: Men jump into the waters of a lake in Sofia, attempting to grab a wooden cross on Epiphany Day.



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Epiphany Day in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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BURKINA FASO: Huts in the village of Bagare in the Passore province.



BURUNDI: An artist jumps around during the royal drum dance at the UNESCO organized drum festival in Gitega.



CAMEROON: People wash clothes in a dry riverbed in Maroua.



CANADA: Stanley Ferdinand fillets large trout he caught in Great Bear Lake in Deline.



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: A supporter of presidential candidate Faustin-Archange Touadera at a campaign event ahead of the election.



CHAD: Chadian refugee Fatime Hassan, 7, poses for a picture in Darnaim refugee camp.



CHILE: Riot police blast demonstrators, protesting against government education reforms, with water cannons.



CHINA: A giant gold statue of Mao Zedong under construction in a village in the Henan province.

COLOMBIA: Patricia, a member of the 51st Front of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), feeds chickens at a camp in Cordillera Oriental.

COSTA RICA: Children watching the independence day parade in San Jose.

CROATIA: Crikvenica has beach bars designed for dogs. They offer specially prepared ice cream, dog beer, and snacks.

CYPRUS: A flamingo walks during the sunset in a salt lake in Larnaca.

CZECH REPUBLIC: Participants in Prague's annual penny farthing race wearing historical costumes and riding high-wheel bicycles.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO:
Congolese soldiers arrest a civilian protesting against the government's failure to stop the killings and inter-ethnic tensions in the town of Butembo.

DENMARK: A boat sailing past DanTysk wind farm.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: A Haitian woman peeks through a fence surrounding the Ministry of Interior and Police while waiting to register.

ECUADOR: Red mangroves surrounding a beautiful walking path at the Churute Mangroves Ecological Reserve in Guayaquil.

EGYPT: A girl sliding down a water slide in Wadi el-Rayan Fayoum.



EL SALVADOR: Members of the Don Bosco Youth and Choir Orchestra practicing in San Salvador.



ESTONIA: People enjoy a sauna during the sauna marathon near Otepää, where participants have to track down and visit given saunas as fast as possible.



ERITREA: A woman sitting in front of the spectacular cliffs around the capital city, Asmara.



ETHIOPIA: Security personnel tear gas protesters during a thanksgiving festival.



FINLAND: Santa Claus rides in his sleigh as he prepares for Christmas in the Arctic Circle.



GAMBIA: A man jogs along the beach in Bakau.

GEORGIA: A baby being baptized during a mass baptism ceremony at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Tbilisi.



GERMANY: Costumed participants take a break during a traditional parade in Osterseeon, near Munich.



GHANA: Young street performers in Accra are using social media to change African fashion all over the continent.



GRENADA: People wait for Britain's Prince Harry to arrive during an official visit to St.George's



GUATEMALA: A child's room in an abandoned home in El Cambray, where the town was destroyed by a landslide.



GUINEA-BISSAU: Two girls prepared for the annual Carnaval celebrations in Bissau.



GUYANA: The St. George's Anglican church, made entirely of wood.



HAITI: A man takes a bath in Port-au-Prince.

HONDURAS: People standing around a crime scene where six men were shot dead in Tegucigalpa.

HUNGARY: A woman at one of Budapest's many bathhouses.

ICELAND: Fans celebrate their team returning home after the Euro 2016.



INDIA: A homeless man eats his breakfast on a street in Bengaluru



INDONESIA: Women read the Koran as boys rest inside Jakarta's Istiqlal mosque during Ramadan.



IRAN: An employee works at Takhfifan company in Tehran, Iran January 19, 2016.



IRELAND: Bad weather surrounds a Boeing 767 airplane as it arrives onto Enniscrone beach, tugged from an airport.



ISRAEL: A murmuration of migrating starlings across above the Neot Hovav industrial zone, near the city of Beer Sheva.



ITALY: Sailing boats gather at the start of the Barcolana regatta in front of Trieste harbor.



IVORY COAST: Men dressed as women kiss as they take part in a parade during the Popo (Mask) Carnival of Bonoua.

JAMAICA: People looking out to sea as hurricane Matthew approaches Kingston.

JAPAN: A businessman standing at a pond in the Kyu-Shiba-rikyu Garden on a warm and sunny day in Tokyo.

JORDAN: A Syrian refugee girl sits on an armchair for sale at Al-Zaatari refugee camp.



KAZAKHSTAN: A long exposure photograph showing star trails over Altyn-Emel national park.



KENYA: A giraffe running in Amboseli National park..



KOSOVO: A protester throwing a rock at police during clashes in Pristina.



KUWAIT: People walk past a Sephora outlet in a Kuwait City mall.

LAOS: The Pha That Luang stupa, a Buddhist place of worship, in Vientiane.



LATVIA: An abandoned sports hall in the ghost town of a former Soviet military radar station near Skrunda



LIBERIA: A girl walks in front of a closed, bright blue shop in Monrovia.

LIBYA: A new graduate of Benghazi University takes a selfie in front of a ruined building at his university former headquarters, destroyed in 2014.



LIECHTENSTEIN: Burg Gutenberg castle in Balzers, looming in the mountains.



LITHUANIA: The Christmas tree in Vilnius.



LUXEMBOURG: A vineyard lies behind the quiet Luxembourg village of Schengen at the banks of the river Moselle.



MACEDONIA: People celebrating the summer solstice at the Kokino megalithic observatory, near the city of Kumanovo.



MALAWI: A man carrying food aid distributed by the United Nations World Food Programme in Mzumazi village.



MALAYSIA: People relax poolside overlooking haze-shrouded buildings in Kuala Lumpur.

MALTA: Waves crash against the shoreline at the mouth of Ghajn Tuffieha (Apple's Eye) Bay.

MALI: Fans of Nigerian pop star Wizkid celebrate his arrival for a concert in Bamako.

MEXICO: A woman talks to her relatives across a fence separating Mexico and the United States in Tijuana.

MICRONESIA: Two of three men stranded on the uninhabited island of Fanadik with wave life jackets next to palm fronds spelling the word "HELP." They were found by the US Navy.



MONACO: UEFA soccer club members at the draw ceremony for the 2016/2017 Champions League Cup.



MOLDOVA: A man reading the morning papers.

MONTENEGRO: Rescue workers prepare to participate in a NATO field exercise.



MONGOLIA: A training partner of Mongolia's Olympic wrestler team does pull-ups after a daily training session.



MOROCCO: Workers build a thermosolar power plant at Noor III near the city of Ouarzazate.



MYANMAR: The top of a collapsed pagoda after an earthquake in Bagan.



NEPAL: A devotee is smeared with a vermillion powder while celebrating the "Sindoor Jatra" festival at Thimi, in Bhaktapur.



NEW ZEALAND: A sign warning about kiwi crossings.



NICARAGUA: A woman carrying a bucket of potable water on her head at Tisma town.



NIGER: Supporters of incarcerated presidential candidate Hama Amadou attend a campaign rally in Niamey.



NIGERIA: Men working on a farm in the outskirts of Zaria.



NORTH KOREA: Fireworks explode over participants in a mass dance in the capital's main ceremonial square.



NORWAY: The Blomstrand Glacier over the northern landscape.



OMAN: Tourists enjoying a picnic at Wadi Darbat, Salalah.

PARAGUAY: Cattle herded to water at the Agropil ranch in Boqueron.

PERU: Street vendor sells candy floss as people visit tombs of relatives and friends during the Day of the Dead celebrations.

PHILIPPINES: A boy leaping between apartment-style tombs in the Barangka public cemetery as Filipinos visit the graves of their deceased loved ones to commemorate All Saints Day.

POLAND: A man swimming along the shore of Orlowo beach, in Gdynia.

QATAR: A Qatari man prepares his falcon at the Qatar International Falcons and Hunting Festival.

ROMANIA: Wild ducks overshadowed by reeds in the Vacaresti wetlands of Bucharest.

RUSSIA: A herd of reindeer being selected and sorted by herders in the settlement of Krasnoye.

RWANDA: A Burundian refugee rides his bicycle during a visit from Malala Yousafzai at the Mahama refugee camp

SAUDI ARABIA: Muslim pilgrims gather on Mount Mercy on the plains of Arafat during the annual haj pilgrimage, outside the holy city of Mecca.

SENEGAL: Tourists strolling along the beach in Saly, a coastal resort town.

SINGAPORE: People walk in the corridor of the Pan Pacific Hotel.

SLOVENIA: A man carrying the U.S. flag in front of Melania Trump parents' house on November 9.

SOMALIA: The scene of a suicide car bombing outside Hotel Ambassador in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.



SOUTH AFRICA: Cape Town in the valley behind Table Mountain, swathed in seasonal fog.

SOUTH KOREA: A tourist plays with mud during the Boryeong Mud Festival at Daecheon beach.



SPAIN: Athletic group Colla Vella Xiquets de Valls form a human tower called "castell."



SOUTH SUDAN: Unidentified graves of people killed in Juba, in July.



SLOVAKIA: A Roma child walks across a street past refurbished houses near the so called "Sheffield Square" in the town of Bystrany.



ST. LUCIA: Youths play in the water on the beach of Rodney Bay after sunset in Gros Islet, St. Lucia.

SRI LANKA: A passenger looking out from behind a raindrop-splattered bus window.



SUDAN: A man walks to vote at a registration centre during a referendum.



SURINAME: Here's a processing plant at a Merian gold mine.



SWEDEN: A pumpkin growing in Stockholm's Rosendals Garden.



SWITZERLAND: For nine days balloonists from 15 countries take part in International Hot Air Balloon Week in Chateau-d'Oex. The resort is famous for ideal flight conditions due to an exceptional microclimate.



SYRIA: A man walks on the rubble of damaged buildings after an airstrike on the rebel held al-Qaterji neighborhood of Aleppo.

PAKISTAN: A Ferris wheel inspector balancing himself.

PORTUGAL: People gather to watch a tow-in surfing session at Praia do Norte in Nazare.



THAILAND: A Buddha head entwined within the roots of a tree in the ruins of the ancient city of Ayutthaya.



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: A runway model presenting an aquatic costume from a designer collection.



TURKMENISTAN: The opening ceremony of a railway link to Afghanistan in the Ymamnazar customs control point.



TUNISIA: A woman carries her daughter outside her house in Sra Ouertane, in the hills south of Kef Governorate.



UGANDA: Zika Forest secretly plays a role in the world's major health crisis. Some mosquitoes from the forest carry the virus, and researchers are studying them to develop a vaccine,



UKRAINE: A woman waiting for a bus at a bus stop in the village of Khazhyn.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, talks with a child during the official opening ceremony of the world's first functional 3D printed offices in Dubai.



REUTERS/Ahmed Jadallah

UNITED KINGDOM: Houseboats glisten in late afternoon sunshine at their moorings on the Regent's Canal in London's Little Venice.



UNITED STATES: A gap in the U.S.-Mexico border fence is seen outside Jacumba, California.



URUGUAY: A woman looks on during rain along a street in Dolores, the day after the city was hit by a tornado.



VENEZUELA: Children play in a park close to their improvised classrooms.



VIETNAM: A Vietnamese woman, wearing the traditional "ao dai" long dress, poses for photos along peach blossom flowers ahead of the Vietnamese "Tet" Lunar New Year festival.



YEMEN: People ride a motorbike past a collapsed building after it was hit by a Saudi-led air strike.

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ZAMBIA: The glorious Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River, which forms the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

ZIMBABWE: Pied crows hover over a donkey that villagers say died due to the effects of drought in rural Masvingo.